

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A locking device for two, displaceable relative to each other, components having arranged opposite each other, toothed racks having each teeth located alongside each other, with the locking device including at least one displaceable against a spring-biasing force, operating element provided on at least one of the opposite toothed racks for preventing tips of the teeth of the opposite toothed racks being located opposite each other during closing of the clamping device, the operating element having at least one tooth a tip of which projects beyond a plane of tips of the teeth of the at least one of the opposite racks in an outwardly preloaded position of the operating element, and is located opposite a side flank of a tooth of another of the opposite toothed racks when the tips of the teeth of the opposite racks are located opposite each other.